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MANILA FOR BOEKER AND PARSKY/USDEL BANK/FUND MEETING

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SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

1. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION (PREPCOM)
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)
WAS HELD IN ROME SEPTEMBER 27-30. AFTER TWO DAYS OF GROUP MEETINGS
THE MEETING ELECTED OFFICERS, ADOPTED RULES OF PROCEDURE AND
SUPPORTING RESOLUTIONS AND ESTABLISHED THE PREPCOM'S SECRETARIAT.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. A PREPCOM CHAIRMAN (A.M. SUDEARY,
SAUDI ARABIA) AND TWO VICE CHAIRMEN (PHIL BIRNBAUM, U.S. AND
JEAN CAMARA, GUINEA) REPRESENTING EACH OF THE THREE CATEGORIES
WERE ELECTED. SUDEARY'S ELECTION WAS AGREED UPON PRIOR TO THE
BEGINNING OF THE PREP COM. SHIHATA (KUWAIT) SERVED AS CATEGORY
II AND III SPOKESMAN UNTIL DEPARTING ON THURSDAY TO GO TO THE
IMF/IBRD ANNUAL MEETING IN MANILA.

3. RULES OF PROCEDURE AND IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS.
WITH SOME MINOR CHANGES, THE BULK OF PROCEDURE PROVED UNOBJECTIONABLE
TO THE PREPCOM. RULES 38 AND 39 RELATING TO PARTICIPATION OF
SCHEDULE 1 STATES OTHER THAN PREPCOM MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES,
AND OBSERVERS AT THE PREPCOM PROCEEDINGS PROVED DIFFICULT. WITH
RULE 38 SUITABLY MODIFIED TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION OF NON-PREPCOM
MEMBER SCHEDULE I STATES BY INVITATION AND RULE 39 REPLACED BY ONE
COVERING ONLY INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS (E.G. UN
BODIES AND IFIS) THE RULES OF PROCEDURE WERE ADOPTED. U.S.
SUCCEEDED IN AVOIDING REFERENCE TO OBSERVER STATUS FOR LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE. ALTERNATIVE PROVIDED WAS
TO INCLUDE SUCH GROUPS UNDER THE FOLLOWING UMBRELLA RESOLUTION:
QUOTE THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF IFAD DECIDES TO INVITE
NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THAT REQUEST SUCH AN INVITATION
AND ARE RECOGNIZED IN ITS REGION BY ANY REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION ACCORDED PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO DESIGNATE OBSERVERS TO ATTEND
THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION. END QUOTE. SRV APPLIED AND HAS
BEEN GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS. U.S. MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT.
QUOTE U.S. DOES NOT BELIEVE THESE PREPARATORY COMMISSION RULES
AND THE RESOLUTIONS DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THESE RULES SHOULD
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NECESSARILY BE THOSE THAT GUIDE IFAD ITSELF. THE U.S. WILL HAVE
SUGGESTIONS ON IFAD RULES AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED IN THE PREPARATORY
COMMISSION. END QUOTE. IN GENERAL OBSERVER STATUS FOR ALL
CLASSES HAS BEEN MADE MORE RESTRICTIVE.

3. INTERIM SECRETARIAT. DR SARTAJ AZIZ WAS ELECTED TEMPORARY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND HEAD OF THE INTERIM SECRETARIAT OF THE
PREPCOM. WITH SUITABLY PROSCRIBED POWERS, THE INTERIM SECRETARIAT

IS UNDER DIRECT CONTROL OF THE PREPCOM CHAIRMAN AND THE BUREAU. SECRETARIAT WILL MAKE PRELIMINARY ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREPCOM AS WELL AS PREPARE A PRELIMINARY STUDY ON LENDING CRITERIA AND POLICY IN CONSULTATION WITH A COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE U.S., SWEDEN, JAPAN, KUWAIT, IRAN, VENEZUELA, BANGLADESH, MEXICO AND EGYPT. UNDER THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY PREPCOM ESTABLISHING INTERIM SECRETARIAT, AFTER THE OPENING OF SIGNATURE FOR THE IFAD AGREEMENT, THE PREPCOM WILL MEET TO REVIEW THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS AND DECIDE ON APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FURTHER SERVICING THE PREPCOM.

4. OTHER MATTERS REGARDING FUTURE DATES OF PREPCOM AND GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETINGS, STATUS OF PLEDGES AND ATMOSPHERICS AT THE ROME MEETING WILL BE DISCUSSED SEPT. VOLPE

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